3/24/69

Dear Dick,

Re your let postmarked 3/20: what you sent on the Manlicher is exactly what I will want as an illustration. It exactly confirms what those two boys from the rifle assn told me. This destroys all the innocence of all themany involved in that part of the investigation and evidence, so far as I am concerned.

On Jacques Barzun: I have now forgotten why I wanted that article. I think it was to use as quotes some of the conclusions he had reached. It is not urgent.

On the numbers: thus far I've had only an acknowledgement from Emory Brown, my cryptographer (amateur). I'll send this to him also. While I think the phone numbers were legit, it also is another remarkable upsetting of the probabilities if they are entirely innocent. Especially when I stop to think that he did not have on him the note allegedly given him with the name and number of a Chicago lawyer who had offered to defend him. I had not noticed the repetition of the continguous numbers. Do you think there can be any significance in the fact all are uneven?

Until I can afford to have my copying machine repaired, I am saving what use there is in it for real emergencies. The number is merely given in this lengthy memo as I gave it to you, as that allegedly his. The only other number there mentioned is the other one I gave you.

On the cartridge dents: I went into this in the first book. I also suggest that the cartridges would not fit that way, could not have been fired from a clip, could not have held the bullet, could not have entered the machined breech. Nor can I imagine such damage from mere ejection, whatever might have been struck. Also bear it mind the stack of boxes from which they allegedly caromed was not in place at the moment of the shooting. How do you think the dents were made? In disarming? Louis phoned today. They are returning my rifle, will try and replace the missing clips. I had one of each of two kinds, one black, the other brass. Do you know where any are available, should they fail?

Hurriedly,

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